

Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 04 May 2021

Commenced at 7.00 pm by Video Link.

Present: Jim Flett (JF), Ainsley Mitchell (AM), Karen Reilly (KR), Robert Frost (RF), William Sell (WS), Caroline Walker (CW), Cameron Campbell (CC), Margaret Meikle (MM), Jane Ormerod (JO).

Councillor Martin Greig (MG), Police Sergeant John McOuat (JM),

Resident Paul Wilson.

Welcome: WS welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance. He then proposed JO as a co-opted member. The proposal was seconded by MM. JO accepted the co-opted membership. There being no amendments it was agreed that WS would complete the application process.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr John Cooke.

Police Report: Sergeant John McOuat – Covid Update: Aberdeen is in level 3 restrictions until 17th May. No calls were received concerning breaches of the Covid restrictions.

Anti-social behaviour: Two youths were reported for abusing the patrons of a café.

Acquisitive Crime: Theft of a motorcycle and theft from a vehicle which was insecure.

If you see suspicious activity report it to the police.

Road Safety and Road Crime: There were reports of motorcycle riding in Hazlehead Park.

The function of the Youth Management Unit was also explained.

Alcohol abuse by underage children is occurring in the play park.

These complaints will be followed up by Councillor Martin Greig

Treasurer's Report: CC - The Accounts were formally audited and agreed by the Independent Auditor, Ms Catherine Mackay, Finance Officer of RGU.

The balance sheet was screen shared by CC, who reported that we have more funds than expected due to donation cheques not being cashed.

The Screen share displayed the balance sheets for the periods 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 and 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

For comparison: The closing balance on 31st December 2019 was £934.16.

The closing balance on 31st December 2020 was £1,710.92.

JF will follow up the reason for the cheques not being cashed.

All uncashed cheques are now void due to being older than 6 months since issue. This includes a £350 uncashed cheque by Aberdeen City Council for Christmas Lighting provision.

It was agreed to pay an honorarium of £30 to the Auditor.

It was agreed to Set aside £300 for a tree to celebrate the platinum jubilee of HM Queen Elisabeth II's ascension to the Throne of the UK, its Commonwealth and Dominions.

Adoption of the Minute of the Meeting of 6th April 2021:

It was agreed to adopt the minutes of the above referenced meeting.

Matters Arising from the Meeting of 6th April 2021: WS – Letter to the Secretary of Craigiebuckler Church offering to donate and plant a tree in in the grounds of Craigiebuckler Church in commemoration of HM the Queen's platinum jubilee.

The church secretary has replied promptly to the effect that she would forward our offer to the Reverend Ken Petrie and the appropriate church officers.

Local flooding issues: A lengthy questionnaire has been emailed to the head of the flooding team. Her reply was prompt and to the effect that she would have to consult with other council departments in order to provide the answers to some of the questions.

Once we have examined the replies, we will be in a position to consider inviting the flooding team to a site visit.

We will chase up the local flooding team so that we can have the site visit before July.

Local Place Plan by Community Councils and Communities: RF suggested but our first steps would be to set out our strategy and then decide on publicity. There is a guide available on the Community Council Forum website.

Correspondence: All items of correspondence have already been forwarded to all members.

Discussion with City Councillors: AM - Dead trees have been left lying on Springfield Meadows. When can they be collected?

Cllr MG will ask for these trees to be removed.

CW reported a missed installation by City Fibre.

Cllr MG will follow this up with City Fibre.

“The Aberdeen City Council (Macaulay Drive, Aberdeen) (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 202”.

The purpose of the redetermination of this Lane is to make it a shared surface between pedestrians and cyclists.

Cllr MG is aware of the problems of visibility associated with entering and exiting the Lane, which make it unsafe. At present it is illegal to cycle on the footpath.

Members expressed views to the effect that a written objection should be sent to the Council.

WS to write a letter of objection.

Planning Report: Robert Frost – Tree Tops Housing Development Proposal of Application Notice: Proposed major residential development of approximately 95 units, including 25% affordable, and associated infrastructure at the former Tree Tops Hotel for Malcolm Allan Housebuilders Ltd.

Malcolm Allan Housebuilders have confirmed they will be consulting residents on plans to build 95 residential units (with 25% affordable) on the site of the former Treetops Hotel.

Malcolm Allan housebuilders had an online meeting with Craigiebuckler & Seafield Community Council on Monday 26th April with Colin Wood, Craig Scott and Julie Robertson (Senior planning consultant Halliday Fraser).

The consultation was attended by AM, JF, RF, CC, KR and WS. The concerns they expressed were reported to the members and attendees.

Cllr MG reported proposals for building by the John Hutton Institute is a feasibility study to ascertain the use of land in the future.

AOCB: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

Date of Next On-line Meeting: 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st June.